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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Advisory Action dated March 24, 2004, claims 1-3, 5-10, 14-17, 22-25, 28-31, 34-43, 48-51, 58-65 and 70 have been allowed. Claims 22-25 and 58-65 were objected. By way of this amendment, claims 22-25 and 58-65 have been canceled.

Thus, Applicants believe that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and request entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application.

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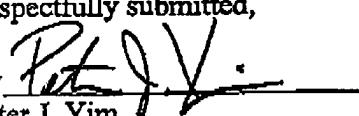
Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present amendment and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 509982001400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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